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Gudger announces Senate committee chairs, vice chairs for 2026-2030 quadrennium

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. - Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, announced on Nov. 25, the lawmakers who will serve as chairs and vice-chairs of the body's 17 standing committees during the 2026-2030 quadrennium.

"Each of these members possess specific education, experiences, leadership qualities and natural, God-given talents and abilities, and I have worked hard to pair those skillsets with the committee they fit best," Gudger said. "The men and women who serve in the state Senate are among the finest individuals I have ever known, and all of them are deeply committed to making an already great state even better for all who live here."

A major change in the assignments is the appointment of Sen. Will Barfoot, R-Pike Road, to serve as chair of the agenda-setting Senate Rules Committee. Originally elected to the Alabama Senate in 2018, Barfoot, a lawyer by profession, previously chaired the Senate Judiciary Commit- » PAGE 6



ALABAMA SENATE

Sen. Garlan Gudger

Ember Bar and Grill celebrates opening



TANYA VERES

Ember Bar and Grill opened Friday, Nov. 20, 2026, in the former Augusta's building on Graham Street in south Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. - Ember Bar and Grill opened Friday, Nov. 20, in the former Augusta's building on Graham Street in south Cullman.

Ember Owners Jason and Tanya Veres also own and operate Drifters Bar & Grill on Smith Lake.

They said because Jason Veres in a firefighter, they thought something "fire" related would be a fitting name for the new restaurant.

"We came up with 'Ember' as it symbolizes warmth, tradition, passion and new beginnings, which is everything we wanted to make Ember and represent Ember when we purchased the Augusta's building," Tanya Veres said.

"We decided to branch out after having so many people tell us they wished we were in town or closer to town. With Drifters being open year-round, but seasonal, we decided to take the opportunity to open Ember when the opportunity presented."

Ember will have a full menu with some local favorites, along with several new items.

"We will have fun things happening at the restaurant, a great menu and will host several local events," Veres said. "Comedian Jacob Gibbs will be hosting Singo BINGO on Thursday night starting at 6:15. The first night will start Dec. 3. We are also going to be revamping and extending our outdoor patio to host live music this summer as well."

Veres said Ember features several signature items they rolled over from Augusta's and favorites from Drifters, while still adding lots of new items they think tie the two together well to deliver a stellar menu.

"We want people to want to come for dinner, stay for another drink or want to bring their friends and family back," she said. "Our goal is to make everyone feel at home with smiling faces the minute they walk in our doors at either place.

"We had our grand opening this past Friday and it went extremely well. We are excited with lots of positive feedback."

Drifters and Ember share the same passion for making guests feel welcome, Veres said.

"Each restaurant has its own personality, atmosphere and dining experience," she explained. "Their similarities include our dedication to hospitality, commitment to good food, friendly service and welcoming guests. Both are places where families and friends can gather and make memories.

"Some differences: Drifters is about the lake lifestyle. It's relaxed, fun and casual. It's somewhere where you can come straight off the water and enjoy yourself while enjoying the lake views with lots of outdoor seating and enjoy some of those nights with live music. Ember is about elevating the dining experience. Its idea is to offer great quality food and a comfortable place to enjoy dinner without feeling overly formal. It's a place where you can enjoy lunch with options for meetings in our party room, family or dine alone to rush back to work."

Ember Bar and Grill is located at 609 Graham St. SW in Cullman. It's open Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Get more info at Facebook/Ember Bar and Grill or call 256-735-4017.

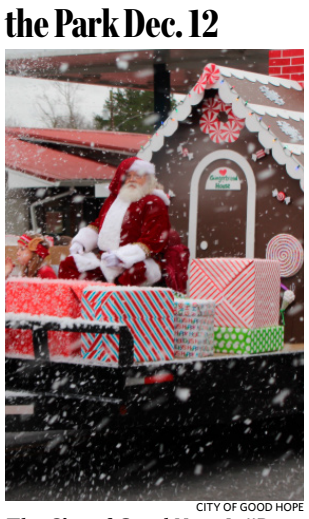
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'Be the Light': Good Hope Christmas Parade, Christmas in the Park Dec. 12



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The City of Good Hope's "Be the Light" Christmas Parade will roll at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, followed by Christmas in the Park
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Tournaments (from Front)

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – Fairview edged Holly Pond 47-44 in the consolation final of the 72nd annual Holly Pond Thanksgiving Tournament Wednesday, Nov. 25, while Good Hope finished fourth at the Hanceville Thanksgiving Tournament after falling to Malone (Florida) 62-52.

Holly Pond's Cash Huddleston scored a game-high 27 points, and Mortimer Jordan captured the Holly Pond tournament championship with a 66-63 victory over Etowah.

HOLLY POND THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT

Fairview 47, Holly Pond 44 (varsity boys)

Fairview opened the game on a 10-0 run before Holly Pond answered with 10 consecutive points, including 3-pointers from Huddleston and Sam Hunt. The Aggies regained the lead and were ahead 18-13 at the end of the first quarter.

Neither team found much offensive rhythm in the second quarter. Fairview outscored Holly Pond 7-5 to take a 25-18 lead into halftime.

The Broncos rallied in the third quarter behind Huddleston, who made all six of his free throws and added a 3-pointer. Holly Pond held Fairview to 10 points in the quarter and cut the deficit to one.

The teams battled through a close fourth quarter, with Fairview holding on for a three-point victory despite Huddleston's 27-point performance.

Eli St.Denny and Ayden Batz led Fairview with 12 points apiece. Huddleston led Holly Pond with 27 points, and Hunt added five.

Both teams reached the consolation final with wins Tuesday. Fairview defeated Falkville 68-41, and Holly Pond beat Curry 57-31.

Fairview finished the tournament 2-1 and Holly Pond went 1-2. The teams will meet again Monday, Nov. 30, at Holly Pond High School. The varsity boys game is scheduled to tip off at 7:45 p.m.

Mortimer Jordan 66, Etowah 63 (varsity boys)

Mortimer Jordan claimed the tournament title with a three-point win over Etowah in Wednesday's championship game.

Both teams had defeated local opponents in Monday's opening round, with Mortimer Jordan defeating Fairview 78-49 and Etowah defeating Holly Pond 66-34.

Falkville 52, Curry 42 (varsity boys)

Falkville closed its tournament with a 10-point victory over Curry in Wednesday's consolation game. The Blue Devils are scheduled to host St. Bernard Prep Monday, Nov. 30.

HANCEVILLE THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT

Malone (Florida) 62, Good Hope 52 (varsity boys)

Malone knocked down three early 3-pointers to take a 9-4 lead over Good Hope. Kye McSwain answered with a 3-pointer, and Ayden Young added a free throw to cut the deficit to 9-8 late in the opening quarter.

A short jumper by McSwain and a layup by Memphis Johnson helped the Raiders pull even at 13 before the Tigers hit a 3-pointer in the closing seconds to take a 16-13 lead into the second quarter.

Johnson scored Good Hope's first six points of the second quarter, including a three-point play, to give the Raiders a 19-18 lead. Malone responded with a 12-2 run to close out the half and took a 30-21 lead into the locker room.

Johnson hit a 3-pointer from the right corner to cut Malone's lead to 32-24 early in the third quarter, but the Tigers responded with a 9-1 run to extend their advantage to 41-25.

Ryker Hancock and Web Buchanan each hit a 3-pointer to trim the deficit to 44-31, and Malone carried a 46-33 lead into the fourth quarter.

Good Hope opened the final quarter on a 6-0 run. Johnson banked in a shot, McSwain scored off a Malone turnover and Young added a driving layup to cut the Tigers' lead to 46-39.

Eli Drake later sank two free throws to make it a 49-41 game, but Malone answered with a 12-2 run to extend its lead to 61-43 and put the game out of reach. The Raiders narrowed the margin in the closing minutes before falling 62-52.

Johnson led Good Hope (2-3) with 15 points. Young added 10 points, Hancock finished with eight and McSwain scored seven.

The Raiders finished 1-2 in the tournament, defeating Dora 60-32 in their opening game Monday before falling to Brewer 69-54 in Tuesday's semifinals.

Good Hope returns home to host Vinemont Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7:15 p.m.

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Obituary Announcements: Nov. 26-27

Ethelene Cone Woods, 99

Funeral services for Ethelene Cone Woods, 99, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 29 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be prior to the service from 1-2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Cone will be laid to rest at Fairview West Cemetery; however; there will not be a formal graveside service. Mrs. Woods was born May 12, 1927, in Cullman County, Alabama to the late Thurlow Cone and Anna Creel Cone. She passed away Nov. 24, 2026, at her residence in Hanceville, Alabama. Survivors include her son, Randy Woods (Beverly); grandchildren, Kimberly Michelle Woods-Sharrit (Jeremy), and Michael Eugene Woods; great grandchildren, Madison Sharrit, Grayson Sharrit, Carson Sharrit, and Joshua Woods; sister-in-law, Sharon Cone; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Woods was preceded in death by her parents, Thurlow and Anna Cone; siblings, James R. Cone Sr. (Ruby), David William Cone (Lillian), Paulene Cone Harris-Ballard, Evelyn Cone Harris-Goodwin, Edith Mae Cone Dean, and Buddy Cone Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Woods family.

Roddy Hoyt Moody, 82

Roddy was born to Arthur Hoyt Moody and Athalene Cammon Moody, on September 6, 1944. He passed away peacefully at his home on Nov. 19, 2026, after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was a lifelong resident of the Antioch community. A Celebration of Life will be held in his honor on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church in Fairview. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Teresa Moody Golden, whom he adored with his whole heart. Brothers-in-law, Wayne Junkins, Danny Harris, and Eugene Golden. He is survived by one brother: Roger (Mona) Moody, two sisters: Becky Junkins and Diane Harris, Nephews: Bryan Harris, Derek Moody, Matt (Nancy) Junkins, Nieces: Melissa Junkins (Brad) Stevens, Emily Harris (Brannan) Addis, Stephanie Moody (Chris) Howell, Lynn (Greg) Moody and a host of great and great-great nieces and nephews. Family requests no flowers please.

Kenny Wayne Smith, 40

Kenny Wayne Smith, age 40 of Cullman, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 26, 2026 at UAB Gardendale. He was born, March 25, 1986, to Harold "Marty" Martin Smith and Terri Holmes. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Survivors include his children, Brayden and Lilly; parents; brothers, Heath and Matt; host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Billy Ray Horton, 56

Billy Ray Horton, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Nov. 25, 2026, at the age of 56. Mr. Horton was born on Sept. 30, 1970, in Cullman County, Alabama, to Donald Ray and Patricia Ann Self Horton. Billy obtained his culinary degree from Wallace State Community College. He loved to cook and enjoyed his career as a chef at St. Bernard Prepatory School. Billy lived a quiet life. He loved animals, especially dogs, his family, and he treasured his bond with his mother. Mr. Horton is preceded in death by his father, Donald Ray Horton, and his grandparents, Emries Talmadge and Bertha Mae Self, and Art and Gracie Horton. Those left to cherish the many memories made with Billy include his mother, Pat Horton; brother, Gregory Gene Horton; stepson, Joshua Horton; and nephew, Nicholas Horton. Friends are invited to join the family for a time of visitation on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2026, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel from noon-1 p.m. Funeral services will immediately follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Earl Harper officiating. Mr. Horton will be laid to rest in Holly Pond Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Horton family.

Jack Randall Harmon, 56

Jack Randall Harmon, 56, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026. He was born on July 12, 1970, in Columbus, Ohio, to Alex Harmon and Patricia Preece. Jack was preceded in death by his grandparents, Alex and Josephine Harmon and Jack and Estelene Ferrell; his stepmother, Theresa Harmon; his stepfather, Emmonds Preece; and his son-in-law, Dylan Self. Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 36 years, Karen Harmon; his daughter, Tabatha Self; his sons, Zachary Harmon and Nicholas Harmon (Isabella); and the absolute center of his world, his grandchildren, Colson Harmon and Adaline Self. He is also survived by his brothers, Ricky (Misty), Joseph (Jenna), and Marc (Jessica); his sister, Erica Vinson (Jason); and honorary family Drs. Michael (Holly) Luther and grandchildren Avery, Annabelle, Anderson, and Adelaide, along with a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends. Jack was a proud United States Navy (TAR) veteran. During his military service, he was stationed at Sima and served aboard the USS George Philip in California, where he proudly held the rank of Petty Officer Third Class (PO3) and worked as a Machine Repairman. He honorably served during Operation Desert Storm and carried immense pride in his military service throughout his life. His military honors included the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and a Letter of Commendation from Sima, Long Beach, California. His service to our country was an important part of his life and a source of pride that he carried with him always. Outside of his military service, Jack was a dedicated and hardworking employee of Sterilite Corporation in Birmingham, Alabama. He took pride in his work and in the relationships he built along the way. To Jack, coworkers were more than just the people he worked alongside; they were friends who became part of his life. He cherished the connections he made and the friendships that continued beyond the workplace. Throughout his life, Jack had a way of leaving an impression on the people he encountered, and the relationships he formed were a testament to the kind of person he was. Jack's life was marked by dedication, loyalty, and a deep appreciation for the people he held dear. Whether through his service to his country, his commitment to his work, or the friendships he nurtured, he understood the importance of showing up for others. Jack leaves behind a legacy built on family, service, friendship, and love. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, former and current coworkers at Sterilite, and the brothers and sisters in arms he loved, respected, and cared for. His life touched many people in different ways, and the memories he created will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew him. Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home on Nov. 30, 2026, from 4-6 p.m., followed by the Celebration of Life Funeral Service at 6 p.m. A Military Graveside Committal Service will take place at Alabama National Cemetery, 3133 Highway 119, Montevallo, AL 35115, on Dec. 1, 2026, at 10:15 a.m. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

Randy Gerald Mooney, 71

Randy Gerald Mooney passed on Nov. 22, 2026, at the age of 71. Born June 12, 1955, in Cullman, Alabama, he was a resident of Hanceville, Alabama. Randy is survived by his wife, Victoria Latz Mooney; his daughters, Brittney Mooney Shaw (Howard) and Holly Haynes; his stepdaughter, April Duke; and his brother, Kenneth Mooney. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ida Ruth Powell Mooney; his father, General Holly Mooney; his son, Adam Mooney; and his brothers, Wendell Mooney, Bobby Mooney, and Aubrey Mooney. A Celebration of Life Visitation was held at Roswell Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Blountsville, Alabama. on Friday, Nov. 27, 2026, from 1-2 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life Funeral Service at the same location on Nov. 27, 2026, at 2 p.m. A Committal Service will follow at Roswell Creek Cemetery, 2041 Roswell Creek Road, Blountsville, AL 35031. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

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Hanceville (from Front)

Liz Tankersley
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Hanceville City Council addressed school funding, federal regulatory compliance and changes to the city's employee handbook during its Tuesday, Nov. 24, meeting.

The Council adopted Resolution 2026-1124B, appropriating $3,000 to each of Hanceville's four schools, for a total of $12,000 in funding.

The Council also adopted Resolution 2026-1124C, which provides for the addition of regulatory language regarding Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to the city's website. Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race, color or national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.

Publishing the language makes information regarding nondiscrimination protections accessible to residents and helps the city meet federal compliance requirements.

Additionally, the Council approved Ordinance 2026-1124, amending Ordinance 2025-8 regarding the city's employee handbook. Under the amendment, all newly appointed full-time employees will serve a six-month probationary period beginning on their most recent date of hire.

Employees transitioning from part-time to full-time employment will receive full credit toward their probationary period for prior continuous part-time employment with the city.

Under old business, Councilman Robert Powell was appointed to serve as the liaison to the Community Development Committee, facilitating communication between the Committee and the City Council.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:
The Welti Cemetery will be participating in the Wreaths Across American event honoring our deceased veterans. If you know of a deceased veteran buried at Welti whose grave does not have a military marker, please contact Gary Reid at 256-339-7236 by Dec. 1, 2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE:
The Cullman County Special Education Program is seeking to locate children with disabilities ages 0-21 within the Cullman County School District. Ages 0-3 call Kristie Smith, 256-734-3253. Ages 3-21 call Katie Meigs, Special Education Coordinator, 256-739-0486, Ext 2.
The system is also seeking to locate intellectually gifted and talented children, with the emphasis on second-grade students. Contact Special Education Coordinator Katie Meigs at 17600 U.S. Highway 31 N, Cullman, Al 35058.

The Poetry of Recovery: Recovery Support Group
Every Saturday at 10 a.m. at 514 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. Facebook/The Poetry of Recovery. Contact Jeff at 727-542-6413 or John at 256-636-0612.

Cullman County Historical Society Meetings
We meet the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Building. Each meeting features a specific program or speaker. Join us!

Attention Senior Citizens
If you are 60 or over, please come to the Cullman Senior Center at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW and have some fun with us and eat lunch. Good fun, good friends and good food. Different things going on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon.
Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound. Call Commission on Aging for info. 256-734-1241.

Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Cullman Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

The Pantry at The Link
- 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
- Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Alpha Delta Kappa Invitation
Are you a woman educator looking to connect, grow, serve, and make a difference? We want to invite you to contact our local Cullman chapters Alpha Theta or Beta Delta. Alpha Delta Kappa is a national honorary organization of more than 25,000 women educators who share a commitment to valuing all people and promoting quality education.
- Build lifelong friendships
- Connect with educators who share your passion
- Grow through leadership and professional opportunities
- Serve your school, community and beyond
- Celebrate the important work of women educators

Your dedication to education matters. Your voice matters. You belong with us.
For more information contact President of Alpha Theta Laurita Hogland 256-531-2298 or Presidents of Beta Delta Rhonda Vanzant 256-708-7980 or Lisa Hullett 256-962-4252.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- 256-739-3326
- spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
- FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
- Sunday, Nov. 29 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Aimee at 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd.

Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville
The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.
Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Storytime
- Dec. 2, Children's author Dorenda Doyle as Mrs. Claus!
- Dec. 9, Anita Whitlock
- Dec. 16, Kerri with Cullman 4-H
- Dec. 23 and 30, No program
- Jan. 6, Beth Ellis will read "The After Christmas Tree"
- Jan. 13, Cassy Holeyfield

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- Saturday, Dec. 19, 10-11 a.m. Adult book club
- Saturday, Dec. 19, 11 a.m.-noon "Let it Shine Puppets" a local, in-demand puppet ministry, the best-kept secret in Hanceville
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Cullman Christkindlmarkt
Through Dec. 23 at Depot Park. See www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com for specific dates and times.

Christmas at the Grotto
Through Dec. 27 at the Ave Maria Grotto. See www.avemariagrotto.com for specific dates and times.

Ebenezer Baptist Church Gospel Singing
Sunday, Nov. 29, at 5 p.m. Carl Sanford & Born Again. 1242 Country Road 2245, Cullman.

"A Choral Christmas" Presented by Cullman Women Sing
Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church, 708 Seventh St. SW, Cullman. For updates, follow Cullman Women Sing on Facebook.

Cullman County Senior Christmas Party
Cullman County residents age 55 and older have until Friday, Dec. 4, at 3:30 p.m. to reserve their spots at the annual Cullman County Senior Christmas Party. The party is Friday, Dec. 18, at the Cullman OmniPlex on Field of Miracles Drive. Doors open at 9 a.m. The party begins at 10. To reserve a spot, call the Cullman County Commission on Aging at 256-734-1241 and speak with a staff member. Leaving a voicemail does not reserve a spot. Only the Commission takes reservations.

Christmas in Baileyton Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
Friday, Dec. 4, at the Baileyton Town Park, 390 Fire Station Road. Gates open at 4:30 p.m., and the ceremony begins at 6. Santa Claus himself will make a special guest appearance, and families are invited to bring their children to take pictures with him.

Berlin Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Raffle Fundraiser
Saturday, Dec. 5, from 7-10 a.m. at the Berlin Community Center, 3309 U.S. Highway 278. Plates are by donation only, and every dollar helps Santa bring Christmas to children in the local community. Each plate includes pancakes, your choice of bacon or sausage and a drink.

37th Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 5, at noon. Parade begins at U.S. Highway 31 at Michelle Street and ends at Park Street at Veterans Park. Enjoy floats, marching groups, local organizations and more. Join us for a festive day as our community comes together to celebrate the season!

St. Bernard Prep Christmas Concert
Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. in the Byre on the St. Bernard campus.

City of Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park
Saturday, Dec. 12. The parade steps off promptly at 11 a.m. from the Good Hope High School football field and travels down County Road 437 to Good Hope City Hall, where the celebration continues with Christmas in the Park at Municipal Park. Christmas in the Park has featured train rides, hayrides, bounce houses, a cookie house, ornament crafts and visits with Santa, along with free food provided by the city.

NARFE Meeting
Monday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. The Cullman Chapter of NARFE will meet at the Golden Corral Buffet. Members and guest will enjoy a " dirty Santa" gift exchange. Come and enjoy a Dutch lunch starting at 11, followed by the meeting at noon. Note: after this meeting we will reconvene on April 12, 2027.

Vinemont Senior Event
Monday, Dec. 21, from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center. Seniors (55+), please come join us for fellowship, activities and lunch. Pie baking contest. Bring your best homemade pie for a chance to win. If you have any questions, please contact town hall at 256-737-5411.



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S&S (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The sign went up this fall. Now, the doors are open.

S&S Package celebrated its opening with a ribbon cutting Tuesday, Nov. 24, as family members, friends and city leaders gathered beneath the new sign at 6073 County Road 490, Suite A. Though the store has a Hanceville mailing address, it sits within Good Hope city limits, and the city welcomed it as its newest business.

The store is owned by Scotty and Skipper Estes.

"We are excited for you as you begin this new chapter and are proud to welcome you to the City of Good Hope!" the city wrote in a post congratulating the owners. "We wish you much success and look forward to seeing your business grow and thrive in our community. Thank you for choosing Good Hope!"

Inside, customers will find a wide selection of spirits, from vodka and whiskey to flavored liquors and holiday gift boxes, along with wall-to-wall coolers, freezers stocked with cold beer, soft drinks and energy drinks. Glowing neon signs line the walls above the aisles, giving the new space a bright, welcoming feel.

Just in time for the holidays, the store is ready for everything from Christmas parties to stocking stuffers and New Year's Eve celebrations.

S&S Package is the latest addition to the County Road 490 area, and its opening adds a new business, new sales tax revenue and new jobs to Good Hope's local economy.

It may not be the last. In October, city officials said a hotel is planned for the property behind the store, though that project is on hold until a gas line can be run under the interstate. The city has received a grant to upsize a water line in the area and hopes to fit the gas line in the larger casing.

The Good Hope Christmas Parade rolls at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, followed by Christmas in the Park.

The Good Hope City Council's remaining meetings of the year are Monday, Dec. 14, and Monday, Dec. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall, 135 Municipal Dr.



CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Family, friends and Good Hope city leaders gather for the S&S Package ribbon cutting Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2026, on County Road 490.

Parade (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The turkey has been carved, the leftovers are nearly gone and Good Hope is turning its attention to Christmas. The city's annual Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park are set for Saturday, Dec. 12, and this year's theme invites everyone to "Be the Light."

"Celebrate this season of hope, love, and joy as we come together to make our community shine bright!" the city shared.

If you're used to an afternoon parade in Good Hope, set your alarm a little earlier this year. The parade begins at 11 a.m., according to the City Council's agenda and the city's parade announcement.

The parade will begin at the Good Hope High School football field and travel down County Road 437 to Good Hope City Hall, where the fun continues with Christmas in the Park at Municipal Park.

Over the years, the parade has brought out floats, decorated horses, churches, Scout troops, area fire departments, the Good Hope High School football team and the Good Hope Raider Band, with city leaders riding along and, of course, a visit from Santa Claus.

After the parade, families are invited to stay and celebrate at the park. In years past, Christmas in the Park has included train rides, hayrides, bounce houses, a cookie house, ornament crafts, visits with Santa and free food from the city, including a friendly chili cook-off among city leaders and employees.

Businesses, churches, organizations, groups and anyone with a decorated vehicle are invited to help "Light Up Good Hope." Parade participants will line up at 10 a.m. at the Good Hope High School football field.

To enter, register through the link on the City of Good Hope or Good Hope High School Facebook pages, or find the parade entry and vendor forms at goodhopeal.com. For details, email admin@goodhopeal.com or call Good Hope City Hall at 256-739-3757.

If you go

- What: Good Hope "Be the Light" Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park
- When: Saturday, Dec. 12. Parade at 11 a.m. (participant lineup at 10 a.m.), with Christmas in the Park to follow
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Keeping the holidays merry and safe: Christmas decorating and fire safety tips

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CULLMAN, Ala. – As families across Cullman County begin decking the halls for the Christmas season, it is important to keep safety in mind when bringing out holiday lights, Christmas trees, candles and other festive decorations.

While holiday decorations bring warmth and cheer to homes, they can also present potential fire hazards if proper precautions are not taken.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), electrical issues account for nearly half of residential Christmas tree fires. Additionally, more than 40% of home decoration fires result from decorations being positioned too close to a heat source.

A few simple steps can help families enjoy the season while keeping their homes and loved ones safe.

Christmas tree safety

For those who prefer a real Christmas tree, choose one with fresh, green needles that do not easily fall off when touched. Be sure to water the tree daily, as dry trees are more susceptible to catching fire and can become engulfed in flames within seconds.

Christmas trees should be placed at least 3 feet away from heat sources, including fireplaces, radiators, space heaters and heat vents. Trees should also be positioned so they do not block doorways or exits.

When purchasing an artificial tree, look for one labeled as fire-resistant.

Holiday lights and electrical safety

Before hanging Christmas lights, inspect each strand for frayed wires, damaged sockets or loose connections. Discard damaged lights and follow manufacturer recommendations regarding how many strands can safely be connected.

Only use lights and extension cords rated for outdoor use when decorating outside. Avoid overloading electrical outlets and running extension cords underneath rugs or through doorways where they may become damaged.

Always turn off Christmas tree lights and other illuminated decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

Candles and fireplaces

Candles are a popular addition to holiday decorations but should be kept at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, including greenery, curtains and wrapping paper. Never leave a burning candle unattended or within reach of children and pets.

Battery-operated candles offer a safer alternative while still providing a festive atmosphere.

Families using fireplaces should keep stockings, garlands and other combustible decorations a safe distance from flames and heat. Wrapping paper should never be burned in a fireplace.

Additional holiday safety tips

- Test smoke alarms and ensure they are working properly.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from decorations, furniture and other combustible materials.
- Never leave cooking food unattended on the stovetop.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- Make sure all household members are familiar with the home's fire escape plan.
- Dispose of real Christmas trees once they begin to dry out.

Taking a few extra precautions while decorating can help prevent emergencies during what should be a joyful time of year. Whether families are putting up their Christmas trees, hanging lights or gathering around the fireplace, keeping fire safety in mind can help ensure the holiday season is filled with happy memories.

For more information on holiday fire prevention and safety, visit www.nfpa.org or www.usfa.fema.gov.

Meal (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Brandin' Iron Steakhouse held its annual Thanksgiving meal for local veterans on Monday, Nov. 23. The restaurant, which is normally closed on Mondays, opened from noon-6 p.m. to help serve its community in a big way.

United States Army veteran Brian Monk, commander of Cullman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214, told The Tribune that they began partnering with Brandin' Iron Steakhouse around their fourth year offering veterans meals.

Each year they give out anywhere from 750-1,000 plates, which includes homebound meals. The Cullman County Sheriff's Office assists with delivering warm meals to veterans who may not be able to make the trip to the steakhouse.

Monk stated that the best part about the experience, in addition to providing food to veterans, is watching the comradery. At the local steakhouse it didn't matter where you sat – guests leaned over tables and spoke with one another throughout their meals and after.

Brandin' Iron General Manager Josh Speakman stated, "The least we can do is feed them dinner. We appreciate the sacrifice they made for this country."

Speakman also reported that 948 meals were served.

Speakman and Monk both spoke highly of the fellowship and comradery at the event.

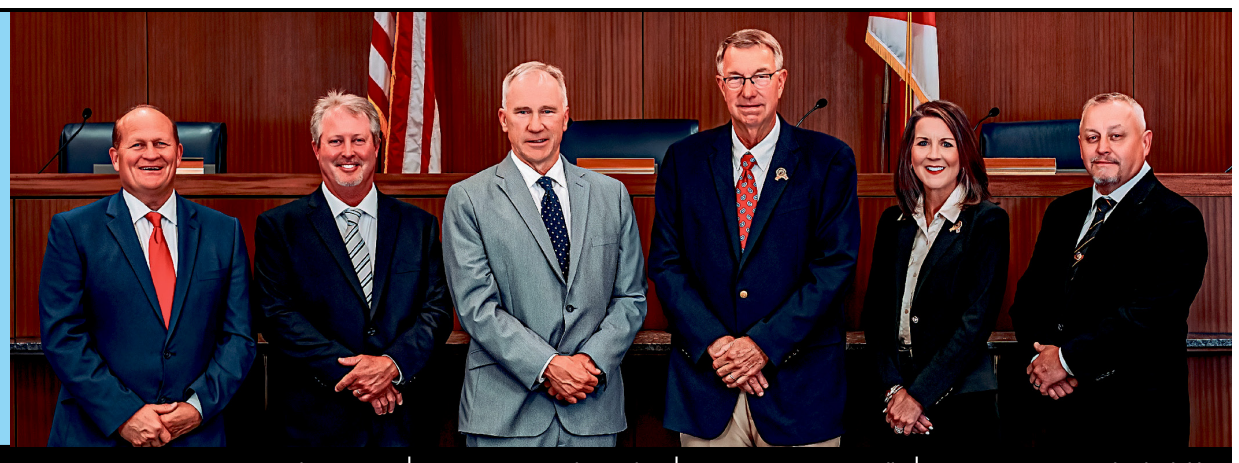
Monk showed a card that sat at one of the booths from First Baptist Church and remembered his time of service. He stated that at some of the lowest moments, similar cards brought more comfort than many realize.



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Brandin' Iron Steakhouse, in partnership with the Cullman VFW, held the 11th annual Thanksgiving meal for veterans. Several residents provided hand-drawn thank-you cards. Featured is a card from First Baptist Church Cullman. w

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Chairs (from Front)

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Sen. Jabo Waggoner, R-Vestavia, who has chaired the Rules Committee since 2011, will hold the official title of Rules Chair Emeritus in honor and recognition of his leadership.

"Sen. Waggoner is the longest-serving legislator in the history of Alabama, and every member, regardless of party, looks to him as a mentor, friend and trusted colleague," Gudger said. "The Rules Chair Emeritus title has never been awarded before, but Jabo has earned it through his long and faithful service, and I know Sen. Barfoot will lean on him for advice and counsel."

Sen. Clyde Chambliss, R-Prattville, will take the reins of the Senate Finance and Taxation General Fund Committee, which allocates more than $3.7 billion annually to noneducation state agencies, such as the Alabama Medicaid Agency, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Human Resources, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and others.

Chambliss, who was first elected to the Senate in 2014, served as vice chair of the General Fund Committee during the previous quadrennium and has extensive knowledge of state budgetary matters.

Sen. Arthur Orr, R-Decatur, who joined the Senate in 2006, will continue to chair the Finance and Taxation Education Committee, a position he has held since 2014 and one that is responsible for allocating roughly $10.5 billion annually to Alabama's K-12 public schools, community colleges and four-year public universities.

Sen. Lance Bell, R-Pell City, first elected in 2022 and also an attorney by profession, will replace Barfoot as chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Full committee seat assignments will be announced during the 2027 organizational session of the Legislature, which is scheduled to convene on Jan. 12.

The members who will lead the Senate standing committees are:

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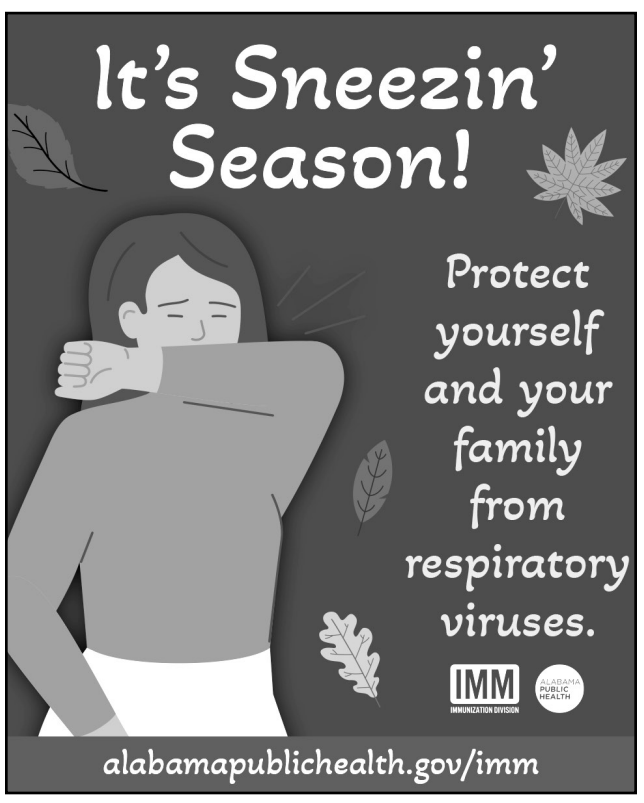
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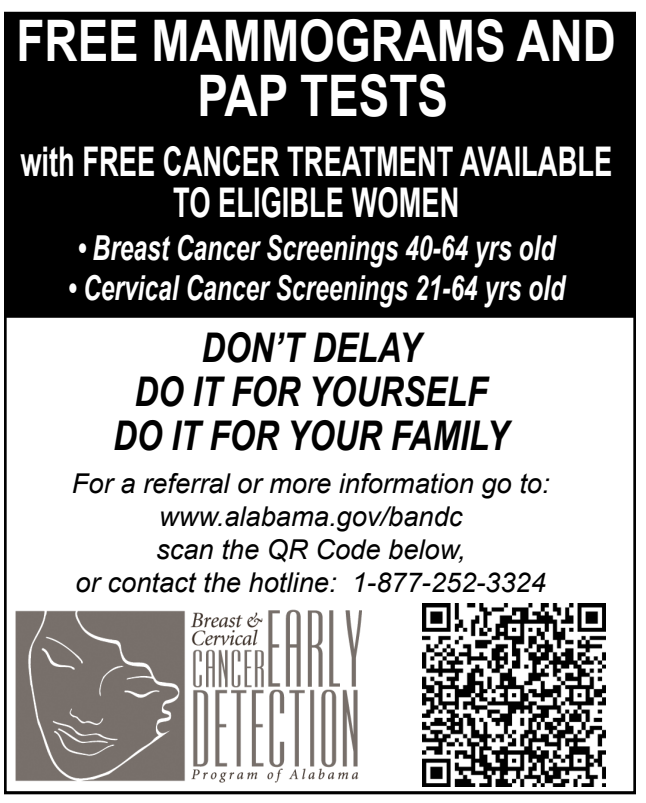
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LEGALS

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1 there will be a Public Auction sale for the following vehicle on January 26, 2027 at 8:30 A.M. located at 170 County Road 1726, Holly Pond, AL 35083:

2015 Kia Sorento VIN#5XYKT3A60FG620255

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1 there will be a Public Auction sale for the following vehicle on January 28, 2027 at 8:30 A.M. located at 170 County Road 1726, Holly Pond, AL 35083:

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Surplus property of Wallace State Community College (Hanceville Campus) will be offered for sale on the website www.govdeals.com Various sales will occur on this website, please check the www.govdeals.com website weekly to see any current sales. This is a government auction website and you MUST be registered on the website to bid on any items. You may view the surplus property to be sold without registration. The govdeals.com website will contain detailed information including descriptions and photos. Items may be inspected by APPOINTMENT ONLY: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Wesley Sams at inventory@wallacestate.edu to schedule any appointments. All items listed are to be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Wallace State Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD 2026-057

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ADOPTION OF PETITION OF
SAMUEL ADAM CALVERT, to adopt
T.K.T.
A minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: **FRANKIE BASINGER OR ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF T.K.T. BORN TO BETHANY MICHELLE MORGAN CALVERT, biological mother**

Please take notice that *Petition for Adoption* and *Amended Petition for Adoption* filed by Samuel Adam Calvert, Petitioner, to adopt T.K.T., a minor child, has been filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of this Notice herein with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 10th DAY OF November, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MARY JANICE WILLIS, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2025-392

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF MARY JANICE WILLIS, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Tarrah Willis Konopaski on the 2nd day of December, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Tarrah Willis Konopaski, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION of said deceased having been granted to **DAVIDSON HENRY, JR.** on the 18th day of November, 2026 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Court Judge of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within six months after the grant of Letters or within five months from the first publication of this notice, whichever is the latter to occur or the same will be barred.

/s/DAVIDSON HENRY, JR.
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TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Benjamin Heath Shockley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for SMG Mortgage Group, its successors and assigns dated July 31, 2019; said mortgage being recorded on August 6, 2019 in Deed Book 1885, Page 733 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 389, Page 409 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on January 4, 2027 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

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Said property is commonly known as **345 County Road 1466, Cullman, AL 35055**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Bidders must perform their own due diligence. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction, if applicable.* The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

* The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A day of thanksgiving

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



The last Thursday in November is a day of thanksgiving. Please notice the part of speech known as an article. It is not "the" day of thanksgiving but "a" day of thanksgiving. That is because it should not be "the" only day of the year that we pause to give thanks.

So then, when are the other days? Every day! If we only give thanks to God one time each year for the blessings we have received, then it would appear that we aren't really so thankful. The Apostle Paul said, "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God." (Philippians 4:6) We shouldn't just ask, but we should also give thanks for what we have already been given. We should give thanks for everything every day, even on those days when it is not easily done.

Having said what I just said, I do believe an annual day when we think about the blessings of the past year and give thanks is not a bad thing. Thanksgiving comes in the fall which is after the annual harvest. Specifically, it was "a" day to give thanks for the year's bounty. Even when a particular year may not have been so bountiful, there are still things for which to give thanks.

So, this Thanksgiving I pray, "Thank you God for who you are. Thank you for your perfect holiness, yet your desire to openly welcome us into your presence. Thank you for your only begotten Son and for His great sacrifice on our behalf. Thank you for creating us, sustaining us and loving us. Thank you for your great grace, marvelous mercy and forever forgiveness. Thank you for being there for us, for hearing our prayers, as well as answering them, and for blessing us so much more than we deserve.

"Thank you for my wife and for the 51 years of marriage you have given us. Thank you for our daughter, son in law and grandson. Thank you for a successful surgery on my grandson's torn ACL this year. Please give him healing as he recovers and rehabs. Thank you for the beautiful world filled with mountains, valleys, rivers, lakes, oceans, green grass, tall trees and beautiful flowers. Thank you for the vision you have given us to see all this beauty. Thank you for saving my eyesight this year and for the doctors and surgeons you used to accomplish that feat.

"Thank you for another year of life in this wonderful world that you have created. Please help us to take better care of it than we have done in the past. Thank you for the United States of America and for the privilege of living here as a citizen. Thank you those who fought for our freedom. Thank you for our leaders and those who protect us. Please lead and protect them. Thank you for the joy of traveling to see beautiful places where I don't live and thank for the lovely place and people where I do live. Thank you for the joy of meeting some of those people who live in those places. Thank you for Rainsville and Fort Payne, Alabama, where I grew up and spent 25 years of my life, and for Opelika, Alabama, where I now live and have spent the last 20 years of my life.

"Thank you for my church family and the fellowship I enjoy with them. Thank you for the privilege of ministering there. Thank you for the newspapers, magazines and publishers who print my ramblings and for the readers who read such."

Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Nov. 28, 1935

From the files of Nov. 28, 1935

Eighteen People Have Been Taking Rabies Treatment in County

The trouble, pain and suspense a dog can give may be fully realized when you learn that for the past two weeks eighteen different people have had to take the Pasteur rabies treatment in Cullman county as a result of a prized dog becoming afflicted with rabies and as is the usual case, the dog was unsuspected and had the attention of those owning the dog, who were deeply concerned and gave it every attention.

Finally the pet developed rabies and as the only sure and safe prevention for those coming in contact with the dog, the Pasteur rabies treatment had to be given as a security against the spread of this deadly disease. If you own a dog, be certain it has taken the rabies treatment.

All Dogs Must Be Inoculated for Rabies and Wear Collars

At last one of the long dreaded spreaders of rabies—dogs—is on the way to be stamped out in Alabama.

On September 13, 1935, Governor Graves approved a law passed by the Alabama legislature, for the inoculation of dogs and fixed the penalties for the violators of its provisions. A rabies inspector is to fix fees and provide for the inoculation and penalties of the provisions of the law.

All dogs must be inoculated on or before March 15th, 1936 and on or before March 15th of each year thereafter. Evidence of the fact of inoculation shall be made on blanks furnished by the State Board of Health. Rabies inspectors and deputies are clothed with full police power.

Dogs must be inoculated by a state licensed veterinarian or his deputies. The county health officer has charge of the enforcement in each county.

That our people and owners of dogs in Cullman county will give this law hearty support and aid in enforcement of the laws is certain, for they know well the danger of rabies. At the present time eighteen people are having to take rabies treatment in the county, to say nothing of the expense, loss of time and suspense. Dog owners should fully acquaint themselves with the new law and be prepared to do their full part for the full enforcement of the law.

Cullman Students at Florence Normal

The Methodist Students Union of Florence State Teachers college, has elected Virginia West, of Bridgeport, and Eleanor Hafley, of Mooresville, delegates to the Methodist young people conference which convenes in Memphis in December. Alternates, Elizabeth Swift, Fairfield, and Elsa Kempson, Cullman. Miss West is president of this group; Miss Swift, secretary-treasurer.

Hanceville High Presented Play

Hanceville, Nov. 27.—The home economics classes of the Hanceville high school presented "Making Mother Modern", Saturday night.



A large crowd attended and the play was enthusiastically received. The most popular baby contest was won by Charlie Brooks Adams with Wayne Hyatt and Billie Dean Adams as runners-up. The Knighten children gave a good between-the-acts dancing and acrobatic performance. The proceeds, amounting to more than $80.00, went to the crippled children's clinic.

National Corn Husking Champion Breaks Record

NEWTOWN, Ind. ... One hundred thousand farmers gathered here to witness the annual national corn husking championship which was won by Elmer Carlsen, 26, (above), of Audubon County, Iowa. Elmer shucked 41.52 bushels of corn in 80 minutes, pitching a gross weight of 2,995 pounds in so doing. The world record of 36.9 bushels was established in 1932 by Carl Seiler of Oneida, Ill. Five of the eighteen contestants, in this year's championships, bettered Seiler's old world mark.

Cullman County High School News

Stunt Night was a great success. The number present was unusually large, and all will agree that this was the greatest stunt night we have ever had. Much praise and appreciation goes to Miss Robertson, who was especially industrious. All the teachers deserve credit for having helped put over such a splendid performance. Hubert Grissom worked exceedingly hard with the ticket matter. Eddie Estes and a committee gave good results on the advertising matter.

POET'S CORNER

Ode to the Old Barns

Randy C. Hale



Who age and fade, whose roofs rust,
and wood turns gray.
Whose nails loosen, doors sag, and the
oak shrinks, letting the sunshine stripe
through the chinks.

There the smell of the past lingers,
the hint of straw becoming dust.
One might imagine the horses, the cows,
the neighing and bellowing beasts.
The creaking of doors that swing, the
clanging of pails, the
squirting of milk—almost a song.

Upon the wall, a lone horseshoe. Upon
the floor of dirt, a hand plow that once
turned the mother earth.
Some barns held cotton, stored feed
and precious seed. The loft stored hay,
where lovers may have tumbled or
snakes slithered for rats. A smile,
a shiver comes at the thought of that.

What days unfolded these ancient days
gone by? The hands that built them
gone away, their history fades,
left to stand becoming art.

To them that remain in silent days,
Ode to the barns of yesterdays.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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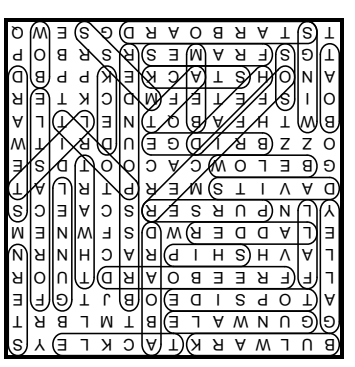
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Jazz (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Jazz Sharp and Cookies & All That Jazz will host Cakes, Canvas & All That Jazz – a fun, family-friendly Christmas cake painting party – on Friday, Dec. 11. Sharp said families will be able to take their Christmas tree cakes home and no experience is needed.

With the purchase of a ticket ($60 per person), all supplies will be provided.

Tickets will include:

- Your own vanilla cake to paint and take home
- Any required painting supplies
- Snacks and light refreshments
- A swag bag from Cookies & All That Jazz
- Entries into four raffles
- Instructions for freezing your cake if you'd like to save it for Christmas



COOKIES & ALL THAT JAZZ

Jazz Sharpe

The event will take place at the Hanceville Lions Club/Moody Center in Hanceville, located at 111 Michelle St. NW, on Friday, Dec. 11 from 5-8 p.m.

Sharp also advised that for every ticket purchased, $10 will be donated to help provide Christmas for a local family.

"I'm asking everyone to wear red, pink or green if possible, especially if they're comfortable being in pictures or videos!" she added.

The event is for those ages 16 and older. Reserve your spot at https://bakesy.shop/b/cookies-and-all-that-jazz/products/cakes-canvas-all-that-jazz-christmas-ticket.



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